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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 26 Rule 424(b)(3)
DATED: June 6, 2002 File No. 333-76894
(To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002,

and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002)

\$10,006,693,162
THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.
MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$100,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 6/11/2002 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes []

Maturity Date: 6/11/2004 CUSIP#: 073928XG3

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]

Yes [] Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On	Redemption Price(s)	Optional Repayment Date(s)	Optional Repayment Price(s)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:

Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

[] Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

[] Federal Funds Effective Rate

[] Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s): *

[] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Monthly

[x] LIBOR Telerate

[] Prime Rate

[] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 2.14% Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: One Month

Spread (plus or minus): +0.30%

* On the 11th of each month prior to Maturity.

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** On the 11th of each month and at Maturity.

The distribution of Notes will conform to the requirements set forth in Rule 2720 of the NASD Conduct Rules.